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AIR FREIGHT UP 4.7% IN JULY

WASHINGTON, D.C., August 21, 1989 -- Air freight increased 4.7 percent in July, compared to the same period a year ago, the Air Transport Association reported today.

Domestic air freight in July decreased 0.4 percent. Mail decreased 3.9 percent. Total domestic air cargo, including freight and mail, registered a 1.1 percent decline.

International air freight of U.S. carriers in July was up 9.7 percent. Mail increased 1.4 percent, and the total international air cargo had a gain of 9.1 percent.

In the first seven months of this year, domestic air freight rose 4.9 percent, and mail had a gain of 0.7 percent. The total cargo registered a 4.0 percent gain.

The U.S. airlines' international air freight during the first seven months of 1989 was up 14.4 percent. Mail gained 7.3 percent, and total cargo rose 13.7 percent.

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PRELIMINARY CARGO TRAFFIC STATISTICS
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINE INDUSTRY (1)

REVENUE TON-MILES
(In Thousands)

		DOMESTIC OPERATIONS			INTERNATIONAL OPERATIONS			TOTAL	TOTAL
		FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL	FREIGHT	CARGO
JULY	1989	404,199	95,959	500,158	440,711	34,924	475,635	844,910	975,793
JULY	1988	405,649	99,851	505,500	401,695	34,443	436,138	807,344	941,638
PERCENT CHANGE		(0.4)	(3.9)	(1.1)	9.7	1.4	9.1	4.7	3.6
7 MONTHS	1989	2,848,184	745,437	3,593,621	2,848,101	260,211	3,108,312	5,696,285	6,701,933
7 MONTHS	1988	2,715,173	740,319	3,455,492	2,490,103	242,583	2,732,686	5,205,276	6,188,178
PERCENT CHANGE		4.9	0.7	4.0	14.4	7.3	13.7	9.4	8.3

1) Carriers included : Alaska, Aloha, American, Braniff, Continental, Delta, Eastern, Federal Express, Flying Tiger, Hawaiian, Northwest, Pan American, PSA, Southwest, Trans World, United, and USAir.

Note : Eastern July numbers are estimated

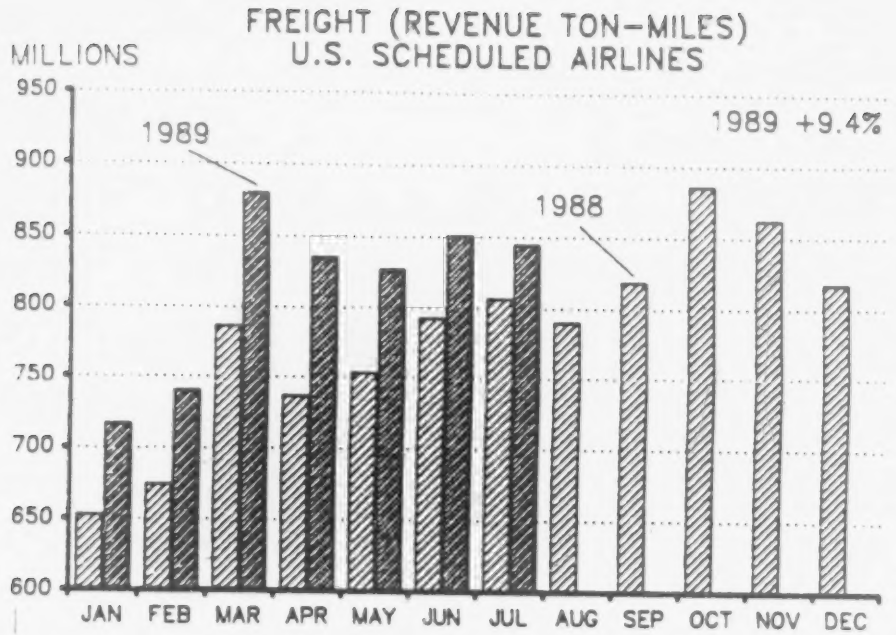
PRELIMINARY CARGO TRAFFIC STATISTICS
SYSTEM OPERATIONS

REVENUE TON-MILES
(In Thousands)

MONTH	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL CARGO
1988			
January	653,081	141,615	794,696
February	674,497	135,320	809,817
March	786,758	155,271	942,029
April	737,067	143,765	880,832
May	753,553	135,530	889,083
June	792,976	137,107	930,083
July	807,344	134,294	941,638
August	790,475	135,800	926,275
September	819,245	136,618	955,863
October	886,087	145,731	1,031,818
November	862,383	153,766	1,016,149
December	818,063	223,079	1,041,142
TOTAL 1988	9,381,529	1,777,896	11,159,425
Jan - July 1988	5,205,276	982,902	6,188,178
1989			
January	717,113	142,837	859,950
February	740,617	136,199	876,816
March	880,084	165,357	1,045,441
April	835,996	148,309	984,305
May	826,787	141,189	967,976
June	850,778	140,874	991,652
July	844,910	130,883	975,793
TOTAL 1989	5,696,285	1,005,648	6,701,933

PERCENT CHANGE

	FREIGHT	MAIL	TOTAL CARGO
1989/1988			
July	4.7	-2.5	3.6
Jan - July	9.4	2.3	8.3


FREIGHT (REVENUE TON-MILES)
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES
MILLIONS
950
900
850
800
750
700
650
600
1989
1988
1989 +9.4%
JAN
FEB
MAR
APR
MAY
JUN
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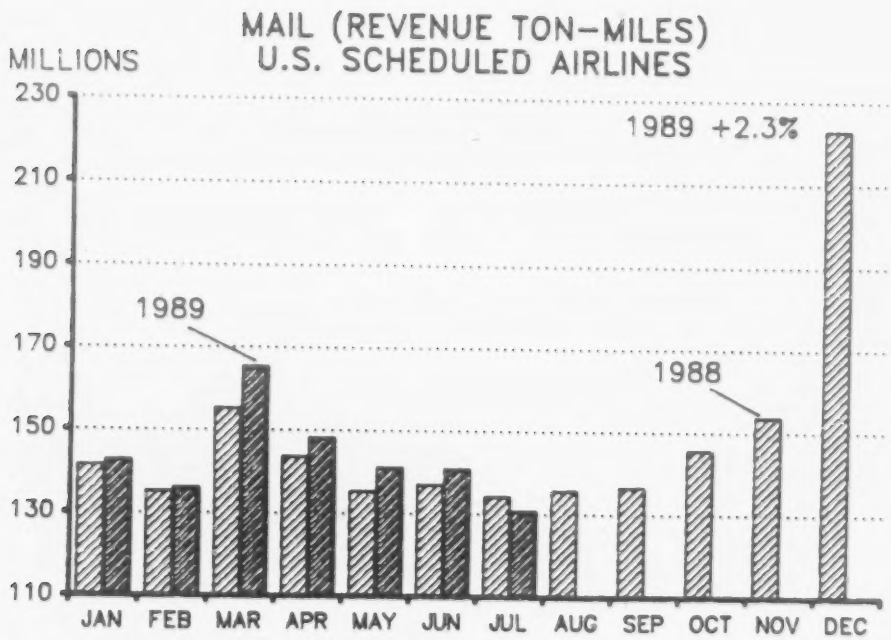
MAIL (REVENUE TON-MILES)
U.S. SCHEDULED AIRLINES
MILLIONS
230
210
190
170
150
130
110
1989
1988
1989 +2.3%
JAN
FEB
MAR
APR
MAY
JUN
JUL
AUG
SEP
OCT
NOV
DEC